

DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR PATENT APPLICATION



As below named inventors, We hereby declare that:

Our residences, post office addresses and citizenships are as stated below to our names.

We believe we are the original, first and joint inventors of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

A SLED SYSTEM FOR MOUNTING PARKING BRAKE AND SHIFT ASSEMBLIES

the specification of which is attached hereto.

We hereby state that we have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

We acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56(a).

We hereby declare that all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

Power of Attorney: As a named inventor, we hereby appoint the following attorney(s) and/or agent(s) to prosecute this application and transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith:

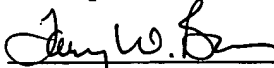
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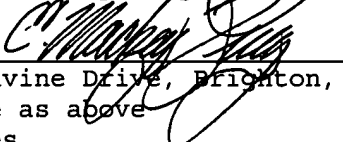
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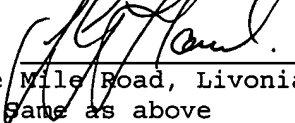
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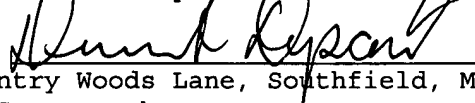
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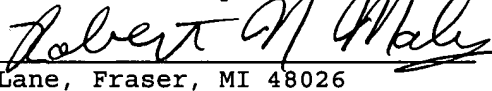
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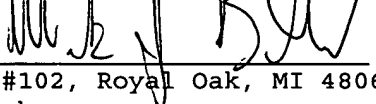
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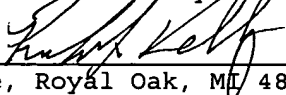
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A S S I G N M E N T

We, Larry W Bell of Canton, Wayne County, MI  
Richard L Kelley of Royal Oak, Oakland County, MI  
Mark J. Ballo of Royal Oak, Oakland County, MI  
Robert N Maley of Fraser, Macomb County, MI  
Derrick Dysart of Southfield, Southfield County, MI  
John G Thomas of Livonia, Wayne County, MI  
E. Mackey King of Brighton, Livingston County, MI

have invented a new and useful process, machine, manufacture, composition of matter, or an improvement thereof, entitled:

A SLED SYSTEM FOR MOUNTING PARKING BRAKE AND SHIFT ASSEMBLIES

for which we have executed an application for Letters Patent of the United States on 4/18/00, 4/26/00 and 4/27/00.

DaimlerChrysler Corporation, a Delaware corporation having its principal place of business at Auburn Hills, Michigan, desires to acquire the entire right, title, and interest in the invention and under the Letters Patent, and similar protection to be obtained, worldwide.

In consideration of the payment by DaimlerChrysler Corporation to us of the sum of \$1.00 and other good and valuable consideration, receipt being acknowledged, we sell, assign, and transfer unto DaimlerChrysler Corporation, our full and entire right, title, and interest in the invention worldwide and to all Letters Patent or similar legal protection to be obtained for the invention worldwide by the application or any continuation, division, renewal, substitute, re-examination, reissue, or any legal equivalent, for the full term or terms that may be granted.

We authorize our attorneys, authorized to prosecute said application, to insert the filing date and Serial Number of the application, to wit, Serial No., 09/373,038, filed August 12, 1999. We authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents to issue all Letters Patent of the United States to DaimlerChrysler Corporation.

We warrant that we have the right to sell, assign, and transfer our full and entire right, title, and interest in the invention and that no assignment, sale, agreement, or encumbrance has been or will be made or entered into that will conflict with this sale, assignment, and transfer.

We further agree to communicate to DaimlerChrysler Corporation or its representatives, any facts known to us respecting the invention, testify in any legal proceedings relating to the invention when called upon, and sign all instruments and documents and render such assistance which, in the judgment of DaimlerChrysler Corporation, is necessary to vest in it and protect the legal right, title, and interest assigned in this Assignment.

This Assignment will be binding on our heirs and legal representatives.

Date 4-18-2000  
Witness [Signature]

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Larry W Bell

Date 4/18/00

Witness Linda M. Kabler

Date 4/18/00

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Date 4/26/00

Witness Thomas A. Maltby

Date 04/27/00

Witness Adrienne M. Keller

Date 04/18/00

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5 Group Art Unit: 3611 )  
Examiner: TBD )  
10 Inventor: Bell, et al. )  
Serial No. 09/373,038 )  
Filed: August 12, 1999 )  
15 Title: **PARKING BRAKE SLED SYSTEM** )

**CONSENT OF ASSIGNEE  
PURSUANT TO  
37 C.F.R. §1.48(a)(4)**

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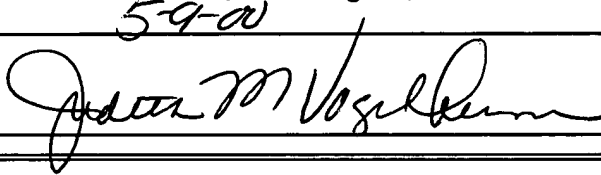
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**CERTIFICATE OF MAILING**

***I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, Washington, D.C. 20231 on***

**By**

*5-9-00*  


25 Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

30 The undersigned hereby states that documents evidencing an assignment of the above application to the Assignee identified below have been reviewed, and further certifies that, to the best of Assignee's knowledge and belief, said Assignee is the owner of all right title and interest in said application:

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Assignee: DAIMLERCHRYSLER CORPORATION a corporation of Delaware  
having its principal place of business at Auburn Hills, Michigan.


Assignment Document(s): √ filed concurrently herewith (copy enclosed).

       previously filed, and recorded at           , (copy  
enclosed).

The undersigned (whose title is supplied below) is empowered to act on behalf of the  
Assignee and hereby consents to the amendment of the inventorship of the subject application  
to include Mark J. Ballo as a co-inventor as requested in the Petition filed concurrently herewith.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true, and  
that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further, that  
these statements are made with the knowledge that willful false statements, and the like so  
made, are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both under Section 1001, Title 18 of the  
United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the  
application or any patent issuing thereon.

Date: May 5, 2000

Name:   
Holly E. Leese

Title(s): Assistant Secretary and  
Senior Staff Attorney